

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A method for improving the performance of a decoder, comprising:
 - determining an energy value for a transmission from a first station to a second station, the decoder residing in the second station;
 - forming a message carrying the energy value; and
 - transmitting the message to the second station,
wherein the energy value is based on a traffic energy to a pilot energy ratio and aids the decoder to decode the transmission.
2. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of transmitting the message comprises positioning the message in a preamble.
3. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of transmitting the message comprises positioning the message in a subpacket.
4. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of transmitting the message comprises positioning the message between a preamble and a subpacket.
5. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of forming a message carrying the energy value comprises:
 - locating the energy value in look-up table; and
 - including an index value corresponding to the energy value in the message.
6. (Original) The method of Claim 1, wherein the first station is a base station and the second station is a remote station.

7. (Original) The method of Claim 1 wherein the first station is a remote station and the second station is a base station.

8. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for improving the performance of a decoder, comprising:

means for determining an energy value for a transmission from a first station to a second station, the decoder residing in the second station;

means for forming a message carrying the energy value; and

means for transmitting the message to the second station,

wherein the energy value is based on a traffic energy to a pilot energy ratio and aids the decoder to decode the transmission.

9. (Currently Amended) A computer-readable media including computer-readable instructions thereon for performing the steps of:

determining an energy value for a transmission from a first station to a second station, a decoder residing in the second station;

forming a message carrying the energy value; and

transmitting the message to the second station,

wherein the energy value is based on a traffic energy to a pilot energy ratio and aids the decoder to decode the transmission.

10. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for improving the performance of a decoder, comprising:

a transmission power control unit for determining an energy value for a transmission from a first station to a second station, the decoder residing in the second station; and

a channel element coupled to the transmission power control unit for forming a message carrying the energy value and for transmitting the message to the second station,

wherein the energy value is based on a traffic energy to a pilot energy ratio and aids the decoder to decode the transmission.

11. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 10, wherein the transmitting the message comprises positioning the message in a preamble.
12. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 10, wherein the transmitting the message comprises positioning the message in a subpacket.
13. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 10, wherein the transmitting the message comprises positioning the message between a preamble and a subpacket.
14. (Previously Presented) The apparatus Claim 10, wherein the forming a message carrying the energy value comprises:
 - locating the energy value in look-up table; and
 - including an index value corresponding to the energy value in the message.
15. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 10, wherein the first station is a base station and the second station is a remote station.
16. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of Claim 10 wherein the first station is a remote station and the second station is a base station.
17. (Currently Amended) A base station for improving the performance of a decoder, comprising:
 - a transmission power control unit for determining an energy value for a transmission to a remote station, the decoder residing in the remote station;
 - a channel element coupled to the transmission power control unit for forming a message carrying the energy value, wherein the energy value is based on a traffic energy to a pilot energy ratio and aids the decoder to decode the transmission; and
 - a transmitter adapted to transmit the message in a forward link channel to the remote station.

18. (Currently Amended) A remote station for improving the performance of a decoder, comprising:

a transmission power control unit for determining an energy value for a transmission to a base station, the decoder residing in the base station;

a channel element coupled to the transmission power control unit for forming a message carrying the energy value, wherein the energy value is based on a traffic energy to a pilot energy ratio and aids the decoder to decode the transmission; and

a transmitter adapted to transmit the message in a reverse link channel to the base station.